

2015 Rules & Regulations

- ❖ Farmers must be current on their FMNP Application Agreement and their FMNP Training to accept checks for this year.
- ❖ FMNP checks can only be redeemed for fresh fruits, vegetables, fresh cut herbs and honey (seniors only) grown by the farmer applicant. Checks cannot be redeemed for tropical fruits, citrus fruits, baked goods, jams, jellies, cider, flowers, plants, eggs, nuts, cheese, meats, seafood, crafts, etc.
- ❖ FMNP checks can only be redeemed at farmers' markets as defined by the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA). Farmers may only redeem FMNP checks at private farm stands if they also sell at a farmers market. Only authorized FMNP farmers can redeem checks. Authorized FMNP farmers cannot accept FMNP checks from unauthorized farmers or vendors.
- ❖ All authorized FMNP farmers are required to display the "WIC & Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program" sign and **their associated farm name**.
- ❖ Authorized FMNP farmers agree to meet with WIC and Senior FMNP check distribution coordinators in their respective market area, to exchange market information and check distribution information. These meetings are subject to prior arrangement and work schedules of the participants.

- ❖ Authorized FMNP farmers cannot charge FMNP customers more for their fruits, vegetables, fresh cut herbs and honey than they charge other customers. FMNP customers must be shown the same courtesies as all other customers and FMNP authorized farmers agree not to discriminate against any FMNP customer on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, handicap or disability.
- ❖ FMNP checks cannot be exchanged for cash or change. Whenever possible, authorized FMNP farmers should help FMNP customers use the full value of their checks by making up the difference with additional produce items. The FMNP customer must pay the difference when the purchase exceeds the value of the check(s).
- ❖ Authorized FMNP farmers must check the customer's WIC Identification folder. FMNP checks must be signed in the presence of the FMNP authorized farmer and the signatures must match the WIC identification folder.
- ❖ FMNP checks are valid from June 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015. Authorized FMNP farmers will not be reimbursed for checks accepted after November 30, 2015. All FMNP Checks must be deposited at the bank no later than December 5, 2015.

Our paying bank **will not** honor FMNP checks which are missing farmer stamps, have an unreadable farmer stamp, invalid farmer stamp, missing FMNP participant signature, checks which have been torn, marked “VOID” or altered in any way, or checks issued in a prior year or checks that have expired.

QUANTITIES ONLY:		PARTICIPANT OR PROXY SIGN FOR PRICE C
12) canned beans, peas, or lentils OR 18 oz or less peanut butter		Missing Signature Do Not Redeposit
1 concentrate juice		
1 free (nonfat) fluid milk		
15-1148 918	SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT OR AUTHORIZED PROXY	
X		



Please always double check your checks before depositing them.

More Information

- Handouts available for 2015 season:
 - General program & participant information
 - MDA FMNP Rules & Regulations
 - 2015 FMNP Farmer Application Form & Agreement
- MDA Farmers' Market page:
http://mda.maryland.gov/maryland_products/Pages/farmers_market_dir.aspx
- USDA WIC Program:
 - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>
- USDA Seniors Program:
 - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/SeniorFMNP/SFMNPmenu.htm>